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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** The Deputy Director for Intelligence  
The Joint Staff

**SUBJECT:** Priority List for National Intelligence Surveys

**REFERENCE:** Memorandum from Secretary, The Joint Chiefs  
of Staff, SM-472-55 of 20 June 1955

1. It is requested that Enclosure to reference memorandum be re-examined at the earliest practicable date with the view to revising the Priority List of NIS Areas to reflect current requirements of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This revised Priority List will serve as the basis for planning NIS production and maintenance schedules for the next three years.

2. I have been advised by the Chairman, NIS Committee, that the members from State and Defense Agencies recommend the assignment of Priority Group II to all NIS Areas in Africa in order to step up the collection and production of basic intelligence on an area of increasing importance.

3. For your information there is enclosed the NIS Production Status Report showing percentage completion of NIS by areas as of 30 June 1957.

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**Enclosure:**  
NIS Production Status Report

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